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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

An article appeared in the "New York Times" on 3/18/69 quoting Reverend James Bevel that there was definitely a conspiracy to murder King a couple of days before King arrived in Memphis on 4/3/68. (King murdered 4/4/68) Based on this, we instfucted our Philadelphia office to locate and interview Bevel concerning this.

Attached advises that Bevel may be confined to a hospital in New York as a mental patient.

New York will be instructed to determine if Bevel is confined to a mental hospital or institution and not to interview him without specific Bureau authority.

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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